

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant:	Bernard R. Ador	Examiner:	A. Chin-Shue
Serial No.:	10/023,485	Group Art Unit:	3634
Filed:	October 30, 2001	Confirmation No.:	3531
Docket No.:	225P10US01		
Title:	<u>PERSONAL SAFETY DEVICE FOR A VERTICAL ROPE</u>		

RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response is being submitted in reply to the Office Action dated May 13, 2003. Should the Examiner maintain that a restriction requirement is proper and not withdraw the restriction requirement, please amend the application as follows: